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THE NEW FRIGHTFULNESS.

British Opinion on the Dutch Sinkings.

London, February 23.

The sinkings reported yesterday totalled over 18,000 tons. One European and three Chinese of the crew of the *Persuade* are missing. It is reported that the Americans aboard the *Skogland* were saved.

Four Dutch Boats Possibly Safe.

London, February 24.

Lloyds announces that the *Menado* has safely reached harbour, and the *Bandoeng*, *Eemling* and *Zaan Dijk* are possibly still afloat.

More Sinkings.

London, February 24.

The latest sinkings include the steamers *Belgur* and *Watfield*, the barque *Invercauld* and two smacks, all British. The total tonnage is 9,000.

Holland's Repeated Concessions.

London, February 25.

Reuter confirms the statement that no enquiries were made from the Admiralty regarding the routes of the torpedoed Dutch ships, which arrived at Falmouth on various dates and were released at the special request of the Dutch Government.

An official of the Dutch Legation visited Falmouth and interviewed the Captains privately, giving them special instructions. The ships sailed with the usual navigation lights and other illuminations, but they were torpedoed shortly afterwards. The act is regarded as a result of Dutch complacency concerning the German decrees.

There is a strong feeling in shipping circles that the repeated Dutch concessions to German bullying are a poor return for British consideration towards Dutch Home and Colonial interests. It is pointed out that if the Dutch ships followed British regulations, they would doubtless have arrived safely, like the overwhelming majority of British vessels.

Germany's Extraordinary Explanation.

London, February 25.

According to a message from The Hague, the German Legation, in the course of an extraordinary explanation of the torpedoing of Dutch steamers, says the date for the safe homecoming Dutch vessels, originally fixed for February 5, was postponed to the 9th and then to the 11th. In view of the situation in Holland, finally Dutch shipowners were informed that their vessels could leave in a group on the 22nd inst. or on March 17, but the safety guaranteed for the 22nd was only comparative, whereas that for March 17 was absolutely safe. The torpedoing, says the Legation, is regrettable, but Dutch shipowners are responsible because they sailed on February 22.

Brazilian Steamer's Movements.

London, February 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Havre says that two Brazilian steamers arrived at Cape Verde January 31 and left on the 4th inst.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

What Sir Percy Sykes Has Accomplished.

London, February 23.

According to a message to the *Times* from Bunder Abbas, Sir Percy Sykes' column went from Kermán to Yazd, Isfahan and Shiraz. Its arrival at Isfahan relieved the population of the fear of an attack by robber tribes.

Sir Percy Sykes opened up the Abwaz road after a brisk encounter with brigands, enabling 12,000 loads of merchandise to be taken to Isfahan en route, and from thence to Shiraz, which was reached in the middle of November. Sir Percy Sykes made a forced march and surrounded a village in which a robber band was captured.

Sir Percy Sykes and the Governor General of Fars had a great reception at Shiraz. Those who had benefited by the lawlessness are hostile, but they are incapable of much harm. Sir Percy took over the Fars Gendarmerie on the day after his arrival, and explained matters to the officers, who were likewise relieved that the arm of central authority at Teheran had at length reached so far.

One of the most important tasks of Sir Percy Sykes during his stay at Shiraz has been the opening up of the Bushire road, enabling a revival of trade with the Persian Gulf, while the presence of the column has had a most favourable effect throughout the Province of Fars.

LABOUR UNREST IN RUSSIA.

London, February 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the re-opening of the Dams on the 27th inst. is awaited apprehensively, owing to efforts to induce workmen to strike and to march to the Dams.

General Khabaloff, in the course of a Proclamation, reminds the workmen of the existence of martial law, and says that any violence will be forcibly repressed.

M. Milinkoff, the Democratic leader, appeals to the workmen not to play into the hands of the enemy, and to refrain from demonstrating.

SUCCESSFUL BRITISH RAIDS.

Affecting the German Morale.

London, February 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says:—From January 1 to February 19 we took 1,800 prisoners in raids. The decline in the German morale is accentuated by the difficulties of supplying the men with potatoes, owing to the business and provision of our

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AMERICA AND GERMANY.

Will America Use Her Armed Forces?

London, February 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the Senate has adopted a Resolution authorising President Wilson to use the armed forces of the United States in order to protect the commerce, property and lives of Americans.

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL STUDIES.

His Majesty the King on Its Mission.

London, February 23.

In opening the School of Oriental Studies, His Majesty the King emphasised the wide scope and vast importance of its work, affording fresh opportunities for study to those services which have been pioneers in progress and instruments of good government in India and Egypt, and furnishing with fuller technical equipment, pioneers in commerce and industry, who in each successive generation undertake the duty of upholding the honour and fame of British trade in the East. Its work would also serve to develop the existing sympathy between Britons and Japanese. If the School happily succeeded in imparting to the pupils sent out as teachers of unselfish government and civilised commerce a clearer comprehension of the thoughts and lives of the diverse races of the East, the good effects thereof would extend far beyond its immediate tangible results. The ancient literature and art of India were of unique interest in the intellectual tradition of India and to promote and assist the labours of students in these departments of knowledge, to the mutual advantage of both countries.

The School was about to open its doors in the midst of an unparalleled crisis in the world's history. For more than two years, the peoples of His Majesty's Dominions had loyally and devotedly stood with each other in offering their blood and treasure for the prosecution of a righteous war—(Cheers). A sense of common sacrifice and endeavour had drawn us all nearer one another in feeling and sympathy. Meanwhile, the peaceful labours of the School were spreading accurate scientific knowledge of Eastern life, and he thought it would foster a spirit of loyalty and patriotism and knit together still closer the many nations of the Empire.

THE CROWN COLONIES.

A Tribute by Mr. Walter Long.

London, February 24.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long paid a warm tribute to the self-sacrifice, extreme generosity and good will displayed by the Crown Colonies and Dominions. He was confident that so long as they were satisfied that these proposals were made from the most profound sense of duty they would be prepared to bear their share of the burden along with us.

SIZE OF NEWSPAPERS.

Reduction of Size May be Enforced.

London, February 25.

It is stated that the Government contemplates enforcing a reduction in the size of newspapers. Half-penny illustrated newspapers announce that they are doubling their price.

DUTCH PROTEST TO GERMANY.

London, February 25.

Reuter's correspondent at the Hague says the Dutch Minister in Berlin has protested against a German airship flying over Holland on the 17th inst.

AUSTRALIAN LABOURITES RESENT "INTERFERENCE."

London, February 25.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne, the Labour Party has decided to oppose Mr. Hughes' motion for the prolongation of Parliament for six months, on the ground that it involves imperial interference.

MORE MEN NEEDED.

London, February 25.

According to Reuter's Melbourne correspondent, speaking in the House of Representatives, Mr. Hughes declared that the need for men was now greater than it was in October. All Dominions have been asked to send more.

TEA IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

London, February 25.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George announced that the importation of tea would be reduced to a certain extent and that foreign tea would be prohibited.

NO SPECULATION IN FOODSTUFFS.

London, February 25.

According to a Press Bureau announcement, Lord Devonport notifies that speculative buying and comparing of foodstuffs with a view to raising prices will not be tolerated.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

The Customary Cannons.

London, February 25.

A French communiqué reports the customary cannonade on the Western front. There has been no significant change in the position since the last communiqué, which reported a heavy cannonade at Verdun, in Alsace.

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INDIAN ASPIRATIONS.

A Noteworthy Declaration of Loyalty.

London, February 25.

The Maharaja of Bikanir, interviewed by a special correspondent of the Associated Press, in India, declared that India was unqualifiedly loyal to the crown. He affirmed with the utmost earnestness that he loved the King-Emperor, as the representative of sovereign power, and as a man. There was no sacrifice that the King-Emperor could ask that he would not make. His brother rulers also loved the King-Emperor and would follow where he led, through thick and thin. The Indian Princes' loyalty was unselfish. They had offered assistance through the dark days when the Germans were sweeping all before them. The Princes and people of India stood by the King-Emperor when India was denuded of British troops. He recalled the loyalty of the Indian Princes during the mutiny at the time of the Panjdeh scare, during troubles on the frontier in 1879, and in China in 1900, and also in the maintenance of the Imperial Service Troops. The absolute loyalty of India was based not only on religion and tradition, but also on the fact that His Majesty was personally known to the people and was most popular throughout India, as a great and just sovereign to whom the Indians were drawn by his personal magnetism. While there had been in some cases petty annoyances by minor officials, the policy of the Raj towards the Indian States had been sympathetic, displaying a sincere desire to eliminate all uncalculated interference in internal affairs. This attitude of the Raj had certainly drawn the Indian States steadily closer to itself and had stimulated the rulers to a real devotion to the King-Emperor and his Royal House. The just and sympathetic policy of the Raj during the Viceroysalties of Lord Minto and Lord Hardinge had prevented an increase in sedition. While the handling of affairs between the Raj and the Indian States remained in the capable hands of such political officers and sympathetic friends as Mr. J. B. Wood, and Colonel Windham, the further was most hopeful.

The Maharaja continued to say that the Princes desired to retain their part in the Empire, for there was no Government so great and good as His Majesty's. They wanted to stay and help in the achievement of even greater things than they had accomplished in the past. They hoped that, before long, the rulers would be given seats in an assembly, such as a Council of Princes, which would have a voice in the government of India in matters relating to Indian States. They looked forward also to the time when the people of British India would be prepared themselves to take a hand in the affairs of the State. There was every indication that the Raj had no greater desire than to see the Princes and people stand on their own feet under the guidance of Britain. He realised that the political progress of India must be comparatively slow to be healthy, but he believed that the Raj would do all it could to meet her aspirations for advancement, and the Princes asked nothing better than to be allowed to work hand in hand with the Raj towards the goal.

THE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

Newspapers Barred.

London, February 24.

Articles, the importation of which is prohibited, include printed matter, including daily, weekly and other periodicals, except of single copies posted.

Further Prohibitions.

London, February 24.

The list of prohibited imports in a proclamation obtained in the *Gazette* includes the following:—antimony-ware, carice, embroidery, artificial flowers, hides, raw jute, matting, quabrahoe, hemlock, and mangrove extracts, silks (not including yarns), soya beans, straw plaitings, plated and gilt vases, glass, perfumery and cotton hosiery. The prohibition does not apply to goods imported under Board of Trade licence.

THE TEA TRADE.

Some Unpatriotic Dealers.

London, February 24.

It is anticipated that an official list of maximum prices for tea will shortly be issued, as there is reason to believe that some dealers have unjustifiably advanced the wholesale prices.

Less Ceylon Tea.

London, February 24.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long said there would be a reduction in imports of Ceylon tea. Nobody regretted that more that he did.

THE FOOD RESTRICTIONS.

Wholeheartedly Supported, Though Very Drastic.

London, February 24.

The papers wholeheartedly support Mr. Lloyd George's restrictions, though they are much more drastic than anticipated. The consensus of opinion is that the public will respond to the demand for strong measures to win the war, and that the restrictions will be accepted most cheerfully.

A general rise in prices is expected. Beer will probably be a shilling a pint ere long. The chief surprise is the prohibition of apples and tomatoes, which are largely consumed by the poor. It is suggested that many stocks, especially of wool, coffee and tea, which are largely held by foreigners for continental account, should be commandeered.

Mr. Lloyd George's speech will undoubtedly promote the food economy campaign, which is spreading among all classes.

The latest of telegrams arriving from the front in Macedonia and Serbia says that the Serbs are holding their own against the Bulgarians.

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OBITUARY.

London, February 24.

The death is announced of Dr. John Fleet.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, February 24.

Silver is quoted at 37 1/2; quieter.

London, February 25.

Silver is quoted at 37 1/2. There is a little more demand. The market is steady.

THE HOME MARKETS.

London, February 24.

Linseed is quoted at 114; nearest value, and rubber at 38 1/2 sellers.

NICKEL SMUGGLING PLOT.

Several Arrests in Canada.

Montreal, January 3.—What is believed to be an important conspiracy to secure Canadian nickel and get it into the hands of German agents in the United States was unearthed at Quebec yesterday with the arrest of seven French Canadians employed at the Quebec arsenal, who are charged with stealing nickel from the Government installation there. At the same time nearly three tons of stolen nickel were seized, which had been melted into ingots and packed into whisky barrels ready to export to German agents in the United States. A prominent Montreal firm, composed of naturalised German-Canadians, is also implicated in the plot, but so far no steps have been taken against them.

Further arrests are expected, and the officers of the Military Intelligence Department state that they hope to round up the whole business of the illicit export of Canadian nickel, which is desperately needed by the Germans. It is stated that for some time past the Dominion police have suspected the existence of a plot to secure Canadian nickel and smuggle it out of the country to German agents in the United States for export to Germany, probably by the Deutschland submarine route. It is thought that some of the cargoes of nickel carried by that vessel were probably stolen Canadian nickel smuggled into the States in this way.

Sir Percy Shirwood, head of the Dominion police, started the inquiry. The trail soon led to a German firm at Montreal, while it was discovered that large quantities of cupro nickel had been stolen from Quebec arsenal. The operations of the group of illicit nickel dealers have been watched by the military authorities for some time past, and led to the sudden denouement yesterday in the arrest of the seven conspirators. It is hoped that these revelations will put an end to the possibility of getting Canadian nickel for enemy use.

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GENERAL NEWS.

"Unfit" Man's Half Mile Race. When a munition worker, named John Doe, was charged at Enfield with stealing a sack of oats, it was stated that he was badged and certificated, and had been discharged from the Army as medically unfit, yet he ran nearly half a mile carrying the sack of oats before a detective was able to catch up with him. He was sentenced to three months hard labour.

Japanese Destroyers for Allies. The Asahi states that the Japanese naval authorities have received a request from one of the Allied countries for the building of ten destroyers of 600 tons each, and have accepted the order. Six of the destroyers will be built in the naval arsenal, and two each at the Kawasaki and Mitsubishi shipbuilding yards. Last year ten destroyers were built in the naval arsenal and private yards in the course of six months, and it is proposed to build the ten boats ordered by the foreign Government at the same speed.

Convent on Fire. Fire broke out shortly after midnight recently at the Convent in Norman Road, West Kensington. The outbreak occurred on the ground floor, and the nuns found it impossible to escape. They appeared at the bedroom windows, and two women climbed on to the eile, with the evident intention of jumping down. A crowd called to them to hold on, and soon firemen arrived and rescued them with back ladders. One of the nuns, Lucia Atherley, was removed to hospital suffering from exhaustion and shock. The fire was soon put out.

Higher Separation Pay. Owing to the increase in the cost of necessities the Government, in fulfilment of a pledge made in the House of Commons, are arranging for a new scale of separation allowances. It is probable that under the new scale a wife and child will receive weekly £1 instead of 17s. 6d., as at present; a wife and two children £1 5s. instead of £1 1s., a wife and three children £1 8s. instead of £1 3s., a wife and four children £1 11s. instead of £1 5s., and so on in proportion. It should be understood that the new scale is not yet definitely fixed, and that the date on which it is to come into operation has yet to be arranged.

Allies' Justification for Scrutiny of Mails. "A few lines of a letter conveyed to the enemy may be as useful, or even more useful, to his warlike operations than a cargo of arms and ammunition." This statement is made in a Memorandum addressed by the French and British Governments to the United States Government, justifying the examination of parcels and letter mails, which was issued in the form of a White Paper. "Experience has, in fact, demonstrated the truth of this observation," the memorandum continues. "Hostile acts which had been planned through the mails have failed. Dangerous plots, from which even neutral countries are not safe at the hands of the enemy, have been detected in the mails and foiled."

Dumont of Donamont. Mr. Henry Wood, the United Press correspondent with the French armies, writing under date January 7, says:—Paul Dumont was to-day decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honour for being the first soldier to enter Fort Donamont on October 25, when it was retaken by the French. Dumont is just 21 years of age. Apart from being the first soldier to fight his way into Donamont, Dumont captured on prisoners the German commander and his entire staff, consisting of a captain and two lieutenants, together with 25 German soldiers. It was only a few months ago that the Legion of Honour, founded by Napoleon in 1804, as a recompense for services rendered to the French Republic, was given to men in the ranks. Dumont is one of half a dozen ordinary soldiers who have won it up to date in the war.



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THE CANTON CHAMBER, THE HUN AND THE PRO-HUN.

Last Thursday we gave the minutes of the annual general meeting of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and we have since published an interesting letter which touches upon the constitution of that body and the question of its dissolution. It will have been seen from the Report that Mr. H. S. Smith, in a very practical speech, supported the notion of dissolving the organisation on the score that, since the outbreak of war, it had had only a nominal existence. This seems to have been the general feeling, for the concern has now gone into liquidation—a fact which will be received with satisfaction by all Britishers and their allies, for the position on Shamen had become a ludicrous one. But the Report contains three little news items that are by no means devoid of meaning or of interest to Hongkong folk:—(1) Thirteen German firms wrote declining to attend the meeting, and asking to have it put on record that they disapproved of the dissolution. (2) The Chairman—an American gentleman, we believe—said that he too very much disapproved thereof, as did all the Americans. (3) The suggestion was brought forward that "an International Chamber of Commerce could be formed in Canton to the advantage of Neutral, Allied, French and British firms and individuals."

As to the disapproval expressed by these thirteen German firms, probably nobody cares much what they think or what they approve of; but why did "all the Americans" side with the Germans against what appears to have been the general wish of the Allied subjects? Were they so very anxious to continue friendly relations with the men who held high revel when the Lusitania (containing a number of American women and children) was sunk; who, some time back, were insulting ladies on Shamen, and one of whose number had to be publicly thrashed by a French gentleman before he could grasp even the rudiments of decency? Surely this is not a moment when right-thinking Americans can wish to be in any way mixed up with men whose nation has disgraced itself forever in the eyes of the civilised world. Do the Americans object to the breaking up of a Chamber which virtually has no existence, because those in favour of such breaking up propose that a new Chamber, containing no enemy subjects, shall be established? Do they consider that the Britishers and Frenchmen and Portuguese and Indians of Shamen are so very wicked for declining to share membership of an organisation with men who countenance (and, where they dare, commit) every variety of blackguardism, and who are in China for the express purpose of robbing the Chinese right and left?

Hongkong people want to see this new Chamber in existence as soon as may be. If the Americans on Shamen—there are very few of them, we believe—do not like the idea, no one will seek to compel them to join. When we come down to the facts, the British and French have the first claim in all matters concerning Shamen, and they surely have a right to be listened to when they express a preference for belonging to an association that contains no Germans. Unless we are greatly mistaken, they will want to go farther than that: they will insist on membership's being denied to any enemy sympathiser, to any firm employing enemy sympathisers, and to any man whose firm's name is not on the White List—for they want no traffic with persons who are pro-Ally or pro-Hun just as it may happen to suit their convenience at the moment. From all that we hear, there is every reason why, in the formation of the new Chamber, the greatest care will have to be observed in excluding the recent records of more than one so-called neutral in Canton. But we are confident that the loyal Shamenites will not forget their duty, both to their respective countries and to themselves, in such a matter.

The Canton Medical Mission.

Our only excuse for returning to the matter of the above mission, and the German Consul's connection therewith, is that the Chairman of the Hospital writes us: "Since the undesirability of having the name 'German Consul General' among the nominal Hon. Vice-Presidents has been impressed upon us, we are taking steps to have the name removed. Should there be any further reference to the matter, will you be so good as to explain that you have been assured that steps are being taken to drop the name from the list of officers?"—We are exceedingly glad to have received this communication. The Canton Medical Mission has done eighty years of useful and self-denying work; to-day it is as untiring as ever in its heavy (and all too often thankless) task, and the thought of such a institution's being tainted by German patronage was decidedly distasteful to the British mind. Had the name of the German Consul continued on the list of vice-presidents there would undoubtedly have been a falling off in voluntary contributions—and that is absolutely the last thing that any of us wished to see.

Germany's "Reply" to China.

At last China's Note is acknowledged, and, simultaneously, comes the tidings that three Chinese of the crew of the s.s. *Perseus* are missing! Is China going to allow herself to be fooled? We cannot believe this. There is, no doubt, some little danger that German spies in Peking may prevail among the more corruptible or the more gullible of the officials; the Hun Minister and traders are sparing no pains to bribe these into siding with the Kaiser; but we still think that China's good sense will triumph. Already she knows what a German promise is worth; but it is time that she laid to heart even more than that. China needs to understand that the Germans can no longer be regarded as rational beings. Every one of them knows that utter ruin is overhanging their country and that nothing that they can do will avert this; and naturally they are anxious to drag down others in their fall. There is no parleying with a dangerous wild beast; a bullet is the only possible argument. We wonder does the average Chinese ever trouble to think what it would have meant to his country had the Hun been victorious. The Chinese of Hongkong and of Tsingtau at least know. When war broke out, the Chinese of this Colony regarded it at once as their war. They volunteered for active service, they bought aeroplanes, they contributed lavishly to every conceivable war fund, and they formed a Police Reserve which has worked wonders in Hongkong. What did the Chinese of Tsingtau do for the Germans? They were only too glad to shake off the bestial yoke, and the idea of doing a hand's turn to help their oppressors never even occurred to them. This little point may well be weighed by Chinese readers.

The other night, in a local cinematograph theatre, an American film was being shown. The words appeared on the screen: "We (America) have one of the most efficient navies in the world"; and instantly a ripple of laughter, swelling gradually into a general guffaw, went round the house. Later a second and even more prolonged laugh arose, for the lettering on the screen announced that a U.S. ship was bound for Turkey "to look after American interests." There was nothing ill-natured in the merriment; it was just a frank expression of the amusement that seized a large and mixed number of spectators at the idea of America's really doing anything for the protection of her subjects so long as the present administration is in power. The incident is interesting because it is doubly typical. If this is the feeling in an out-of-the-way spot like Hongkong, we may take it that elsewhere the same thing would happen. Under President Wilson, America has been made to look ridiculous in the eyes of practically every country—a fact which makes it all the more surprising that a majority of his countrymen could be found willing to return him to power.

DAY BY DAY.

IT WILL BE QUITE PROPER TO SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER IN HEAVEN WITHOUT AN INTRODUCTION.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.1/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 17th anniversary of Paardeberg.

A Recent Concert.
The Council of the Helena May Institute wish to thank those who kindly gave their services at the recent concert, the Anderson Music Co. for a.s. of piano, and all who in any way helped to make the function a success.

Hongkong Theatre.
There have been good week-end attendances at the Hongkong Theatre, where the attraction is the 5th and 6th episodes of the American sensational serial: "Peg of the Ring". There are also three Keystone pictures.

Advice Resented.
At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. O. D. Melbourne, a Chinese was charged with assaulting the Police. The facts of the case were that the man was bending down doing some repairs to the tramway line at Bowrington Canal Bridge when an Indian constable touched him on the shoulder and said that a car was approaching. The man seemed to resent this warning, pulled at the Indian's whistle and was otherwise offensive. His Worship told the defendant that it was his duty to help the Police and not to assault them. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Victoria Theatre.
The two artists now performing at the Victoria Theatre are easily the best that the cinema houses have seen for many a long day. They drew a packed house on Saturday night, and some ill-natured people were saying: "Much too good for Hongkong." The ventriloquist, Mr. Abbott, is quite a first-class man at his work, and knows how to keep his audience in a steady laugh from start to finish. In response to a hearty recall he gave one or two very clever "impersonations". Mr. Martell is an athlete of unusual ability, and is remarkably neat in all that he does. His tumbling feats and his special balancing act drew prolonged applause and those who watched his performance will certainly go to see it again.

WAR GIFTS.

A Hongkong Society Thanked.

Lady May has received the following letter:—
15, January, 1917.

Dear Madam,—I wish to thank you and "Our Little Bit Society" very much for the parcel of tobacco for the patients in this Clearing Station. It arrived to-day and will be very much appreciated. I believe we have also received a some bandages from your Society through Mrs. Eden.

With many thanks for your kindness.

Believe me,
Yours truly,
(Signed) H. E. HOLMAN,
Col.

O. C. No. 6, Casualty Clearing Station.

CINEMA MILLIONS.

Some Startling Figures.

The cinema commission of inquiry appointed by the National Council of Public Morals held its first meeting recently, the Bishop of Birmingham presiding. Representatives of social, educational, and religious bodies will give evidence.

Mr. F. R. Goodwin, of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association, said that at the end of 1914, £15,458,800 had been invested in the cinema business, and since then £1,935,225 had been registered at Somerset House. Much private money was also invested which did not appear in the official figures.

The attendance at the 4,600 cinema halls during one year worked out at 2,376,000 each week-day; in addition about 500 halls draw 376,000 people each Sunday evening.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

"Missing Link Found in Murder Mystery," says the *Philadelphia Ledger*.—Curiously enough we had always expected to hear of its being found much nearer to Hongkong.

Another injustice to President Wilson. Reuter, the other day, spoke of the American aide *memoire* to Vienna; but a local contemporary, not taking too many chances, called it the American Note. Now hasn't that luckless President written too many Notes already for it to be fair to fasten yet one more on him? Apropos, we are wondering what excuse the Washington Government is going to offer on behalf of Germany for the killing of an American subject on the Athos.

From the *Hongkong Government Gazette*.—"In sections 18 and 19 the expression 'every premises' is not grammatical."—Nobody but our learned Government officials would ever have supposed that it was. We wonder who has been taking them in hand.

We feel it advisable to state publicly that there is no truth whatever in any rumour to the effect that the *Telegraph* is about to be suspended on account of its pro-Kaiser leanings.

"It is obvious," says the *Peking Daily News*, "that we do not identify ourselves with the opinions of our contributors, for those opinions are naturally, inevitably, widely at variance with each other."—That editor doesn't half know his business. It is a well-conducted newspaper's policy to identify itself with the opinions of all its readers, no matter how "naturally, inevitably, widely" these may happen to disagree.

The great fear which dominates the lives of some of our local heroes at the present moment is that of facing the doctor—lest he should declare them fit for military service.

Says the *Peking Daily News*.—"There is so far no antidotal measure against mines and submarines, and neither Jules Verne nor H. G. Wells is likely to invent one."—In the case of the former gentleman, we too think it highly improbable.

Heard Outside the Hongkong Hotel.—Uncle: "I don't think it is he." Nephew: (reproachfully): "You mean I don't think it is he?"—And, on enquiry, our worst fears were confirmed: the nephew is an eminent pupil of a Hongkong Government school.

Heard Inside the Hongkong Hotel.—American Lady Tourist: "What? Travel in a boat called the *Hupei*? Not for mine. The name's ever so much too German."

We understand that the suspension of the Gambling Act during the present week only applies to those who are prepared to invest over a certain amount. Any person caught staking bits of orange peel or copper cash will be dealt with as usual.

From the *North China Daily News*: "Wanted, position as stenotypist by one who has good knowledge of both."—Both what?

Common-Sense, But Not Law.

Expressing the opinion that he had common sense on his side, but not law, the magistrate at St. Helena fined Mr. Edward O'Sullivan-Hardy of Woolton, Liverpool, 10s. for driving a motor car with headlights but without sidelights. Mr. O'Sullivan-Hardy argued that the headlights were sidelights within the meaning of the Act, inasmuch as they fairly indicated the width of the car.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

C. R. C. Defeats University.

The University were no doubt surprised when they found themselves getting beaten by the C. R. C. on Saturday on the latter's ground. With practically the same team, the University have defeated Kowloon U. C., as well as the Hongkong C. C., but on Saturday, the C. R. C. bowlers were in fine form, and, with excellent fielding, the University were dismissed for 88 runs. The C. R. C. batsmen started in a rather disappointing manner and things looked pretty serious for them until Ho Wing-kin was sent out. This player was never seriously worried by the University bowlers and carried out his bat with 48 runs to his credit. No less than three of the C. R. C. batsmen were run out. Scores:—

University.	
R. Ponsonby Fane, b Ho Wing Kin	24
Ng Sze Kwong, hit wicket, b Ho Wing Kin	30
G. E. Marley, c J. Wong, b U. C.	6
K. Brayshaw, c Kaw, b U. C.	6
J. D. Wright, c Mok Hing b Ho Wing Kin	15
A. de Souza, c and b Yew Man Tsun	0
A. H. Ramjahn, c Ching, b Yew Man Tsun	2
A. G. Warren, b Yew Man Tsun	2
G. Hall, c Ching, b Yew Man Tsun	1
W. Gittins, b Ho Wing Kin	0
D. P. Dixon, not out	0
Extras	5
Total	86

Bowling.	
Ho Wing Kin	10 2 32 4
Un Hw Fan	6 1 45 2
Yew Man Tsun	4 1 3 4

C.R.C.	
Wong Po Keung, run out	0
Wei Lee Son, b Dixon	6
Yew Man Tsun, c de Souza, b Dixon	7
Ng Sze Yue, b Brayshaw	8
Geo. Lee, c Ponsonby Fane, b Dixon	6
Un Hw Fan, c Dixon, b Brayshaw	28
Ho Wing Kin, not out	48
H. Ching, c and b Marley	0
A. Kaw, run out	2
J. Wong, b Brayshaw	6
Mok Hing, run out	10
Extras	7
Total	112

Bowling.	
K. Brayshaw	18 4 57 3
D. P. Dixon	10 2 28 3
G. E. Marley	10 0 35 1
Ng Sze Kwong	0 2 0 1 0

K.C.C. v. A Military Team.
Kowloon entertained a military combination on Saturday and suffered defeat after a most interesting game. Scores:—

Kowloon.	
J. P. Robinson, b Scott	10
E. J. Edwards, b Coxon	14
W. H. Stapleton, c Coxon, b Smith	38
J. V. Braga, b Coxon	10
H. Overv, c Pearce, b Scott	16
D. M. E. Asgar, b Smith	5
J. O. Fletcher, b Scott	0
C. J. Stapleton, c Pearce, b Smith	0
O. Woodman, c Pearce, b Smith	0
A. W. E. Davidson, c Lawrence, b Scott	0
F. Travers	4
Total	95

Bowling.	
Scott	16 4 48 4
Coxon	9 0 39 2
Smith	6 2 4 4 2

Military Team.	
Sgt. McGregor, lb.w., b Robinson	10
Q. M. S. Wyatt, at Edwards, b Robinson	28
Opl. Pearce, b Fletcher	33
Sgt. Coxon, c and b Fletcher	10
Opl. Scott, c Asgar, b Stapleton	20
Smith, c Fletcher, b Travers	0
Opl. Lawrence, c Stapleton, b Overv	18
Lt. Wahl, c O. J. Stapleton, b Travers	7
Sgt. Strange, run out	0
not out	3
b Travers	0
Total	128

Bowling.	
Robinson	8 6 35 2
Braga	6 1 40 0
Fletcher	5 0 30 2
Overv	2 0 18 1
W. H. Stapleton	3 0 13 1
Travers	3 1 2 3
Civil Service v. A Naval Team.	
Played on the Civil Service ground, the home team winning by 34 runs. D. M. Goodall made the highest score of the match with 44 not out. Scores:—	
Civil Service.	
E. W. Davidson, run out	0
D. M. Goodall, not out	44
R. E. O. Bird, b Godfrey	4
R. G. Southerton, c Pile, b Godfrey	0
E. W. Hamilton, b Pratt	26
O. J. Tacchi, b Godfrey	5
B. W. Bradbury, b Pratt	26
O. Sara, c Pile, b Pratt	0
S. E. Alderman, c Godfrey, b Wild	1
W. H. Edmunds, run out	4
Extras	4
Total	114

Bowling.	
Pratt	18 37 3
Godfrey	13 43 3
Wild	4 30 1

Naval Team.	
A. P. M. Robinson, at Tacchi, b Bird	4
A. G. Pile, b Bird	2
S. Carey, l. b. w. b Hamilton	12
J. Cleave, b Hamilton	12
A. P. M. Wild, b Hamilton	14
Lieut. Hall, b Hamilton	7
Sub. Lt. Golland, b Southerton	18
P. O. Newman, b Hamilton	1
S. Godfrey, not out	9
C. P. O. Pratt, b Southerton	4
Pie. Cock, run out	1
Extras	6
Total	80

Bowling.	
Hamilton	10 30 5
Bird	8 32 2
Southerton	2 12 2

FOOTBALL.

K. S. L. I. v. Club.

There was a moderate attendance to see this important Hongkong League match on the Club ground on Saturday. Both teams turned out practically at full strength, with Mr. T. Davies as referee. The game itself was not unlike "the cat's paw"—it was good in parts. After Pritchards had won the toss for the Shropshires, Stalker sent Mo-Tavish and Cleme away on the Hongkong left, but play was soon transferred, a pretty passing effort by Machin, Pritchards, and Peplow taking the ball in the vicinity of Goldenburg's charge, but Dickie cleared with a neat header. From Stewart's forward pass, Stalker went through, but Wall took the ball from the feet of the Club centre, Williams completing the clearance. Jones and Peplow now put in a pretty combined run, a good shot by the winger being dealt with by Goldenburg. Still, Shropshires would not be denied, the ball bobbing about ominously in front of the Club goal, for Williams to try a fast long-ranger which went a yard over the bar, with Goldenburg dazzled by a strong run. A weak clearance by Dickie (who appeared none too safe under pressure) let Braddock through, but Machin's weak shot went very wide.

The Club at length got going through Robinson, but the winger, hampered by Hann, could only put the ball behind. Some tame midfield play followed, neither side being able to settle down to good football, mainly owing to the fine spoiling play of the halves of both sides. A foul against Morris looked dangerous for the Shropshires, but Stalker's fine shot passed inches wide—the best scoring effort of the match so far. From the goal-kick McTavish secured, but Stalker was given off-side from his forward pass. Braddock burst through on the Shropshires left, but was charged over by Black, the incident being greeted by loud yells from a section of the crowd, who presumably know far more concerning the rules of the game than the qualified referees appointed by the Association. In our opinion it is high time this weekly badgering of officials was stopped, and the local football powers would be well advised to give the matter their attention.

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LOCAL SPORT.

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After Goldenburg had cleared a week shot by Pritchard, the whistle went for half-time, with the score sheet blank.

The game improved considerably after the change of ends, the Club being plainly out for victory. After good work by Bailton (probably the best half on the field) Clemo went through on the left. He centred nicely to Walker, but that player was much too slow, and a good chance went begging. Peplow galloped away on the Shropshire left, but Black again made good, but by no means unfair, use of his weight, and transferred play. Robinson secured, but the usually brilliant winger could do nothing at all, and was easily robbed by Henn. Stalker went through on his own, but was pushed off the ball by Williams as he was about to shoot, the referee ignoring the centre's appeal. Not to be denied, the Club pressed hotly. Indeed, at this stage there was only one team in it, and that one certainly was not the Shropshires. McTavish made a sparkling run, but finished very tamely indeed. The game was delayed hereabouts, whilst Clemo underwent repairs. On restarting, the Club again attacked hotly through Clemo, the winger cleverly beating Morris and centring right across the goalmouth. McTavish missed an open goal, but, fortunately for the Club, Walker was standing unmarked about six yards from the goal, and easily turned the leather into the net. Encouraged by their success, which was certainly well-deserved on the part of play, the Club came again, good work by Stalker giving Walker a glorious opening. Taking steady aim, the inside-right slammed in a beauty. The tail was labelled "goal" all the way, but Henn jumped up and tipped the sphere over the bar. Stalker was entrusted with the penalty kick, but, to the surprise of all spectators, he put the ball weakly outside, apparently kicking the ground before the leather. The Shropshires broke away but a foul against Williams brought play back again, Williams kicking out from Clemo, but the corner was put behind. Play again became somewhat tame, the Shropshires appearing to lose interest, and Stalker should have scored again. The final whistle went with the Club good winners by the only goal of the match.

"CROSSBAR."

RIFLE LEAGUE SHOOTING.

Royal Engineers v. Naval Team.

The above match took place on Sunday the 25th inst., resulting in a win for the Royal Engineers by 17 points, the outstanding feature being the fine score by Black, with open sights. The scores were as follows:—

Royal Engineers.

	200	500	600	Total
Corpl. Grimes...	27	22	26	75
Corpl. Bamskill...	30	24	27	81
Serjt. Coxon...	29	31	25	85
Q.M.S. Black...	30	34	34	98
Q.M.S. Williams...	28	32	27	87
Corpl. Haxley...	27	24	26	77
Serjt. Offord...	18	27	20	65
Corpl. Allen...	20	30	28	78
Total				648

No deduction for Apertures.

Naval Team.

	200	500	600	Total
O.P.O. Ores...	31	29	31	91
O.P.O. Smith...	29	29	27	85
P.O. Edmonds...	30	29	21	80
S.P.O. Losch...	27	27	21	75
L.S. Botley...	23	32	27	82
Pte. Lally...	25	28	18	71
Serjt. House...	23	24	24	71
Serjt. Waterson...	30	25	19	74
Total				629

No deduction for Apertures.

Dockyard R.C. v. Taikoo.

These teams met on the Taikoo range on Saturday, the result being a win for the visitors by 23 points. The winners were most cordially entertained, and spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

Dockyard Recreation Club.

	200	500	600	Total
Mr. Goodman...	31	31	31	93
Mr. Lockhart...	31	31	29	91
Mr. Sears...	30	30	30	90
Mr. Cousins...	30	32	28	90
Mr. Elson...	31	28	27	86
Mr. Brock...	30	30	24	84
Mr. Wright...	27	24	31	82
Mr. Allen...	27	23	13	63
Total	237	229	213	679

Taikoo.

	200	500	600	Total
Mr. Simpson...	30	30	32	92
Mr. Lyle...	28	32	30	90
Mr. Eldridge...	27	30	30	87
Mr. Heath...	30	29	25	84
Mr. Danby...	21	31	25	77
Mr. Nicol...	28	27	22	77
Mr. Grimshaw...	28	24	25	75
Mr. Whitelaw...	25	26	18	69
Total	215	229	207	651

Police and Police Reserve v. Taikoo.

These teams met at King's Park on January 27, the result being a win for the Police and Police Reserve Recreation Club by 11 points—648 to 637.

Everyone His Own Cobbler.

Re sole your footwear with old bicycle tyres is the latest advice of the national economists. The idea is brought forward by a Whistable baker. "I find I can get at least six pairs of soles and heels out of one old discarded outer cycle cover," he says, "and each pair wears, according to quality, for at least six months. The work is so simple that everyone can be his own cobbler."

FIRST AID FOR WEAK DIGESTIONS.

Almost everybody experiences times when the organs of digestion show painful signs of weakness. Some slight disturbance of health starts the trouble; then the patient turns against food, and dull, heavy pains in the abdomen give warning that the stomach is unable to do its proper work. Sometimes a false craving for food arises; if satisfied, the result is additional torture. Flatulence, a drowsy depression, sick headaches and nausea are other signs of indigestion.

The foolish practice of flying to drastic, weakening purgatives at such times should be avoided. Indigestion arises from stomach weaknesses, and the only effective method of remedy for this debilitated state is to strengthen the feeble organs of digestion by supplying them with richer, better blood, so that they are made fit to perform their work. This is the true tonic treatment of indigestion, by which natural method Dr. Williams' Pink Pills achieve great results.

These Pills make the rich, new blood on which the digestive system depends to carry on its work of assimilating food, and because of this special power, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strengthen weak digestions, impart a healthy appetite and dispel all the painful disorders that arise from indigestion. Nervous Dyspepsia, and Stomach Disorders. Begin to-day to strengthen your digestion by starting Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. From the first you will enjoy a better appetite and your food will do you more good. Sold by all dealers, or supplied direct by Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 98 Szechuen Road, Shanghai, 1 bottle for \$1.50, 6 bottles \$8. post free.

WHEN YOU WAKE TOMORROW MORNING

to-day's liverishness, biliousness, or sick-headache will have disappeared if you seek the aid of

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

MATRICULATION, SENIOR AND JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that these examinations will commence on MONDAY July 9th, 1917.

Arrangements will be made to hold the Examination at any town where a sufficient number of candidates offer themselves. Candidates who wish to be examined at any other place than Hongkong or Shanghai must apply to the Registrar on or before April 2nd, 1917.

Forms of entry and all particulars can be obtained on application to the REGISTRAR, THE UNIVERSITY, HONGKONG.

The entry forms, duly filled in, must reach the Registrar, together with the fee (Ten dollars, Hongkong Currency) on or before May 2nd, 1917.

The following Scholarships and Prizes will be awarded on the result of the Matriculation Examination, provided that candidates of sufficient merit offer themselves.

(a) Two King Edward VII Scholarships of £40 a year each, for five years, tenable in any Faculty. A candidate for these scholarships must be under the age of 21 on July 1st and must before the first day of the examination, submit to the Registrar proof that he is a British subject.

(b) One President's Scholarship of four hundred dollars (Peking Currency) for five years, tenable in any Faculty. A candidate for this Scholarship must be under the age of 21 years on July 1st and must before the first day of the examination submit to the Registrar proof that he is the son of Chinese parents; that he was not born in any British Possession or Protectorate; that he has not adopted any foreign nationality; and that he is not eligible to compete for a King Edward VII Scholarship.

(c) Two Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Scholarships of 200 dollars a year each, for 4 years, tenable in the Faculty of Engineering. These scholarships will be awarded to poor students who would otherwise be unable to enter the University.

(d) Five cash prizes of \$100 each (Hongkong Currency).

Candidates who secure King Edward VII or President's Scholarships or cash prizes must enter the University on the day on which the University session opens and must reside in one of the hostels directly managed by the University.

The examinations will be conducted according to the Regulations for the Senior and Junior Local Examinations and for the Matriculation Examination, 1917.

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 26th, 27th and 28th instant, at 11.45 A.M.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1917.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY the 26th, 27th and 28th instant, at 11.45 A.M.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1917.

TO BE LET.

TO BE LET.—Kowloon, Furnished or Unfurnished Room. Board if desired. Apply 6, Victoria View.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

It is hereby notified that there will be no official quotations during the three Race Days, viz.—26th, 27th and 28th inst. By order of the Committee.
R. HANCOCK,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1917.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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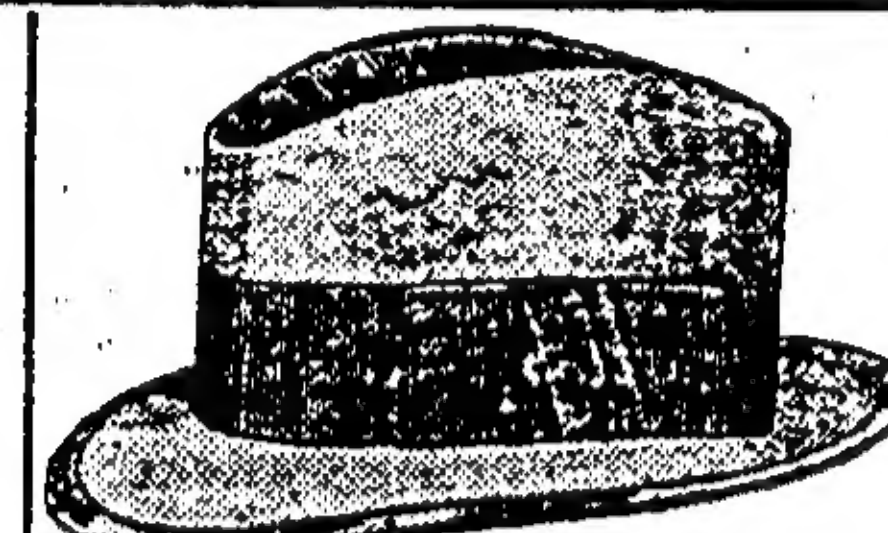
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MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Kueichow	28th Feb. at noon.
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To a Dividend of 7 per cent. on 10,000 Preference Shares	35,000.00
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" General Reserve	50,000.00
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B.I. Dividend.

The report of the British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., states that the balance available for distribution after providing for depreciation and deducting interest on dividends paid in May last is £118,846, which the directors recommend should be distributed as follows:—Dividend of 5 per cent. on preference stock, £35,000; dividend of 8 per cent. (free of income tax) on ordinary shares, £38,588; less interim dividends, £55,788; balance to be carried forward, £6,770. The number of steamers employed by Government during the year was increased, thus further limiting the tonnage available for ordinary trade. The mail services were performed with regularity. The company's fleet has been free of any serious accident during the year, arising from ordinary marine risks, but the directors regret to report the loss of four steamers sunk by enemy submarines, viz. the Umata (5,312 tons), the Chantala (4,949 tons), Golconda (5,874 tons), and (since closing accounts), the Mombasa (4,384 tons). The Mantola, a new steamer delivered in June, was seriously injured by a mine or submarine in the North Sea, but was able to make the Thames and was repaired. Two of the four steamers which were under construction at the date of last report, were delivered during the year. The Mantola (8,253 tons), referred to above, was subsequently sunk by a submarine on February 9.

Big Shipowning.

For the eighteenth consecutive year the "Syren and Shipping" publishes the annual table showing British fleets of over 50,000 tons. The 61 companies which figure in the list own between them over 2,000 vessels, representing a tonnage of 12,000,000 tons gross. Lloyd's Register gives the total tonnage of the British Mercantile Marine as 18,825,356 tons gross. But of even greater interest is the fact that for the first time in the history of the world one management controls over one and a half million tons of British shipping; or, in other words, a twelfth of the British Mercantile Marine. To Lord Inchcape is due the enterprise which has brought about the fusion of interests of the P. and O., B.I., and the New Zealand-Federal Companies whose fleets individually consist of:—P. and O., 53 vessels, of 493,991 tons; B.I., 143 vessels, of 593,329 tons; New Zealand Shipping Company, 17 vessels, of 146,140 tons; and the Federal Steam Navigation Company, 22 vessels of 195,372 tons, giving a gross total of 1,528,223 tons. But the tendency to amalgamate does not stop here. The million ton mark is passed by the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., whose total is 289 vessels, of 1,310,362 tons. Included in these figures is Sir John Ellerman's latest acquisition—the Wilson Line, of Hull, whose fleet consists of 80 vessels, of 217,524 tons; the Ellerman and Bucknall Steamship Company, 28 vessels, of 132,244 tons; the City Line, 43 vessels, of 274,131 tons; the Ellerman-Hall Line, and others. Just under the million mark are the Furness Lines, with 240 vessels of 920,424 tons, which include the Prince Line fleet of 39 vessels, of 181,211 tons. Big shipowning this; for if we bracket the three amalgamations, we get a total of 3,359,443 tons of shipping, which equals about 18 per cent., or very nearly one-fifth of the total British Mercantile Marine under the control of three managements!

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. EXTRA.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1917.

JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

(Continued from page 8.)

9.—The Jockey Club Stakes.—
Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$125. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5 lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1916 1917 allowed 10 lb. Winners at this meeting 5 lb. extra. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a quarter.

Mr Ezra's General Birdwood.
10st 9lb (Mr Ezra) 1
Mr Henry Humphreys' Northland 11st. 1lb. (Mr Knoll) 2
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Australian Chief, 11st. 1lb. (Mr Heard) 3

Sir Paul's Giant Dahlia, 11st. 4lb. (Mr Berkhill) 0

General Birdwood led from a good start, with Australian Chief and Giant Dahlia, next, these three ponies showing the way. The Chief then got into first place, with General Birdwood second. At the back stretch Giant Dahlia led, General Birdwood being second and Northland third. The ponies raced in a quartette to the rock, and then Northland forced the pace and challenged Giant Dahlia, with whom he raced neck and neck into the home straight. The ponies then came in a bunch, and, after a hot gallop, General Birdwood won by a short head from Northlands, with the Chief half a length away in third position.

Time.—2 min. 44 4/5 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner, \$20.20.

Place, \$3.20; \$6.80.

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 230 1st \$1,953.00

" " 28 2nd 538.00

" " 375 3rd 278.00

Commission 410.00

Total \$3,200.00

Other ticket:—619

10.—The Racing Stakes.—

Winner \$500. Second \$200.

Third \$100. For China Ponies,

Subscription Griffins of the Season 1916-1917. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners 5 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$5. Seven Furlongs.

Mr. Henry Humphreys' Field Mouse, 11st 1lb (Mr. Knoll) 1

Messrs Beith and Ross' Mo, 10st. 9lb. (Mr Johnstone) 2

Mr. Dalmore's Merry Monarch, 11st 1lb (Mr. Boyd) 3

Mr Adams' Amphion, 10st. 7lb. (Mr Adams) 0

Mr Barfield's Bridgworth, 11st. 1lb. (Mr Moller) 0

Mr. Ezra's Chief, 11st 1lb (Mr. Ezra) 0

Mr Medie's Jeddstone, 10st. 8lb. (Mr Barton) 0

Mr Nemaroo's Sahab, 11st 1lb (Mr Seth) 0

Mr John Peel's Dunlop, 10st. 10lb. (Mr. Fisher) 0

Mr. Steve's Sonyobers, 11st 1lb. (Mr. Hayes) 0

Messrs. Thomas and Sedgwick's Tom Cobleigh, 10st. 9lb. (Mr. Sedgwick) 0

Mr Trident's Sabre, 11st. 1lb. (Mr Heard) 0

Mr Yale's Old King Cole, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Gace) 0

From rather a bad start, Field Mouse got away and was in the van for the greater part of the race. He was often challenged by Mo, and the two entered the home straight racing neck and neck. Field Mouse eventually won by half a length from Mo, Merry Monarch being two lengths behind in the third berth.

Time.—1 min. 52 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner, \$33.80.

Places, \$6.70; \$6.00; \$11.30.

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 399 1st \$1,066.45

" " 220 2nd 561.87

" " 401 3rd 280.84

Commission 515.65

Total \$3,335.00

Other tickets:—227, 420, 528,

517, 274, 301, 282, 237, 156, 318.

CHINA AND GERMANY.

The Mohammedan Position.

The *Tiger* (Peking) in commenting on the situation created by the delivery of the protest to Germany, says that in case a diplomatic breach is necessitated by the unsatisfactory answer from Germany, the Government must pay special attention to North Western China. North Western China is populated by Mohammedan brethren who, owing to their being isolated, are not well informed on the situation and events of the world. A diplomatic breach will not bring the German navy and army to attack our country as the long distance forms a barrier.

But, the paper argues, Turkey is the ally of Germany; and Turkey because of her religious relations with our people in Ching-hai and Sinkiang, will have great influence over them. It must be remembered that when Turkey joined the war, the Sultan issued an order calling on the Mohammedans to raise an army to attack Christian countries. That order greatly agitated the minds of our Mohammedan people and trouble was forestalled only by precautions being taken by the Government. It would, therefore, be wise to take precautions at this time to prevent the Mohammedans of North Western China from being influenced by the Turks, for it must be anticipated that the Turks may claim their sympathy in case China breaks off diplomatic relations with Germany.

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To carpet slopes whose soil, once in the throes

Of cataclysmic nothingness, is free.

Silent, it towers o'er the populous town,

Hails first the timorous dawn in rosy east,

And bids a last farewell to parting day;

Eternal sentinel, with kindly eyes look down

In pity, for man's vain desires consist

In delving the unknown and meet dismay.

HEMO.

Hongkong, February 24, 1917.

Shanghai Freight.

Messrs. Wheelock and Co's Freight Market Report (Shanghai, 15th February). Says:—There is no change to report in our Homeward Freight market as regards the quantity of cargo or tonnage offering to either Europe or America but the advance of 25 per cent. in rates via the Pacific, predicted in our last, is definitely decided upon to take effect from the 1st March 1917 and there are rumours that the New York via Panama rates may also be raised shortly by 10 per cent.—Coastwise:—Since last writing the number of enquiries has increased:—the tone of the market is distinctly "healthier" and Owners are already hardening rates, coal-freights from Japan in particular show an improvement. The severe weather up North is interfering somewhat with shipping—For New York via Panama:—So far there is no vessel advertised to take this berth but an N.Y.K. boat is expected to load in March.

JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

THE OPENING OF THE 1917 MEETING.

EXCELLENT SPORT AT THE RACECOURSE TO-DAY.

Marked by its customary features, the 1917 Race Meeting promoted by the Hongkong Jockey Club opened at Happy Valley this morning under conditions which, in all respects, were ideal. The war has, of course, affected pony-racing in common with all aspects of life, but, considering all things, this year's festival has begun under most promising circumstances. There are those who would have the Race Meetings cancelled while the war lasts, but, after weighing all considerations, the Jockey Club Committee has wisely come to the conclusion that the pros more than counterbalance the cons. These annual gatherings result in a large sum being voted to War Charities, and this year an additional source of help in this connection is secured by many members of the Jockey Club forfeiting their right to free entry to the enclosure, the proceeds from the payment of these tickets being wholly devoted to war purposes.

In point of entries, this year shows an appreciable increase over the 1916 Meeting. For the whole of the events, no fewer than 947 entries have been sent in, being an average of over 32 entries per race, and contrasting with a total of 897 (an average of just over 30) for last year. In ponies, there are six more entered than was the case twelve months ago—110 against 104. These are distributed amongst 43 stables, against 39 in 1916. Sir Paul again leads the way with the biggest string of ponies, 12, the other principal owners being Mr. Ezra, with 9; Mr. John Peel, 8; Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, 7; Mr. Henry Humphreys and Messrs. Logan and Bato, 6 each; Mr. H. P. White and Mr. Soares, 5 each; Mr. Mase, 4; and Mr. Staves, 3.

The programme of events follows last year's in all respects, save that His Excellency the Governor's Cup, which was offered for the seventh race on the third day last year, is now substituted by the "Radio" Stakes, presented by the members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, for which the winner gets \$1,000, the second \$200 and the third \$100. There are also one or two changes in the officials of the Meeting. New names among the stewards are H.E. Vice-Admiral William Grant, C.B., Commodore R. G. G. Sandeman, R.N., the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anson, Mr. B. D. F. Beith and Lieut. Colonel I. E. F. Currie, C.B.A. The two last-named are this year carrying out the duties of Stewards in Charge of the Scales, while Mr. H. P. White is Paddock Steward. Mr. F. B. Marshall, a well-known racing enthusiast, is, for the second year in succession, adjudicating in the Judge's box.

A Hongkong Race Meeting minus Mr. T. F. Hough would be quite incomplete, and this year he is again filling his old post as Clerk of the Course, bringing to bear on his duties a wealth of experience resulting from over a quarter of a century's labour in the same office, and a courtesy which is characteristic of the man. The full list of officials is as follows:—

STEWARDS.

His Excellency Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G.
His Excellency Vice-Admiral William Grant, C.B.
His Excellency Major-General F. Ventris, C.M.D.
Commodore R. G. G. Sandeman, R.N.
The Hon. Mr. C. E. Anson.
The Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.
His Honour Mr. W. H. Davies, Kt.
Mr. B. D. F. Beith.
Mr. G. K. Hall Branton.
Lieut.-Colonel I. E. F. Currie, C.B.A.
Mr. H. J. Gedge.
Mr. Henry Humphreys.
Mr. G. H. Potts.
Mr. N. J. Stabb.
Mr. H. P. White.
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Mr. Geo. F. Hall Branton—Handicapper.
Mr. F. B. Marshall—Judge.
Mr. D. M. Ross—Assistant Judge.
Mr. H. P. White—Paddock.
Mr. H. J. Gedge—Starter.
Mr. Paul M. Hodgson—Second Starter.
Mr. M. S. Basson—Time Keeper.
Mr. H. C. Sandford—Honorary Treasurer.
Mr. T. F. Hough—Clerk of the Course.

There are few, if any, courses in the world more picturesquely set than that at Happy Valley, and its natural attractiveness is enhanced on Race Days, when the numerous stands and booths are elaborately adorned in a wonderful variety of colour. This year the usual care and attention had been devoted to this work, and the results achieved are altogether pleasing to the eye. The Jockey Club and private stands in particular bear an exceedingly bright and gay appearance.

Apart from the interest evinced in the Meeting by Europeans, the native population always shows a very lively concern in this yearly gathering, and, as usual, the rails enclosing the centre of the course were thickly lined, quite early on, by all sorts and conditions of Chinese. The general attendance was also large, a constant stream of motor-cars, trams and rickshaws moving to and from the Racecourse. The Tramway Company ran an accelerated service with admirable despatch, under the guidance of Mr. A. Course, traffic superintendent, while the arrangements made by the Police, under the supervision of Chief Inspector Kerr and Inspector Garrod, for handling the crowd, were in every respect effective.

The regular police were strongly augmented by members of the Police Reserve, both mounted and foot, patrolling assiduously in maintaining order. The thoroughfares near the Racecourse were much congested, especially so as noon drew on, and the mounted section rendered invaluable services in keeping Chinese from straying into the middle of the roads, thereby leaving the thoroughfares clear for the traffic, of which there was an endless stream.

When morning broke, some doubts were entertained as to whether the elements would prove propitious, and a measure of disappointment was general. As the morning wore on, however, it was pleasant to see the sun gradually penetrating through the heavy, rain-laden clouds, though it shone in rather a fitful manner. An hour before the first race, however, conditions appeared more settled, and fears of wet weather were dispelled.

The scene in the enclosure was as exceptionally pretty one, the ladies presenting a charming picture, helping to make the course a veritable kaleidoscope of colour, while here and there the owners' colours were to be seen dotted about.

The pari-mutuel and cash sweeps arrangements were again in the capable hands of Messrs. Lowe, Biingham and Matthews, who had engaged the services of a number of the Army Pay Corps. These, together with the large staff of civilians, ensured a speedy announcement of results.

An innovation was made this year in the cash sweeps, all those numbers drawing ponies receiving \$10.

The work of posting up entries and the regulating of the numerous boards was carried out by men of all units of the Garrison, under the direction of Garrison Sergeant Major Hule.

The condition of the course was in every way good, and appeared to show little if any signs of having been heavily used for training purposes. The course was voted a fast one, and it was confidently expected that very good times would be recorded. There was scarcely any wind in the valley, and conditions were ideal.

The first jockey to weigh in was Knoll, he riding Mr. Henry Humphreys' Field Mouse in the Wong-Nai-Chong Stakes. The large field for the first race caused a delayed start, and the ponies did not get away until 12.09. All testimony for Knoll's ill-

luck in being thrown, but it was pleasing to hear that he had sustained no injury. The honour of riding the first winning mount fell to Johnstone, on Sol.

By the time the second race was off, which was nearly a quarter of an hour late, the crowd had grown to quite large proportions. Betting was heavy and the gathering was assuming its usual gaiety. It was an event which was to be sincerely regretted that Fisher was thrown off Bright Pearl as the ponies were about to pass the rock, yet it was as well that the pony was in the rear of the bunch, for sufficient speed had been got up to have made it extremely dangerous for any rider to have become unseated whilst leading. Fisher appeared to show no signs of injury.

The Victoria Stakes produced a really great race. Triumph started favourite with Sandy next in favour, but, as events proved, these two ran a dead heat. His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady May and his A.D.C., Lieut. Llewellyn Edwards, arrived at about ten minutes to twelve, and was met by Mr. T. F. Hough.

It was a great day for Johnstone, who rode three winners out of the four races before the tiffin interval and in the other ran Ezra to a dead heat.

The enjoyment of the day was greatly enhanced by the presence of the band of the 74th Panchjab, under Bandmaster Christian, which has rendered much appreciated services at previous Meetings. The programme arranged for the day was as follows:—

March,..... Preciosa,.....
Overture,.... Pique Dame,....
Valse,..... Nydia,.....
Selection,.... Joy-Land,.....
Two Step,.... Rouge et Noir,....
March,.... Light Cavalry,....
Overture,.... Morning, Noon and Night,.....
Selection,.... The Bohemian Girl,.....
A Reverie,..... Twilight Dreams,.....
Valse,.... For Valour,.....

Selection,.... Kismet (By Request),.....
Barracade,..... Love Came From Fairyland,....
Selection,.... Iolanthe,.....
Two Step,.... Poppy Wopsey,....
Valse,.... The Fairest in the Land,.....

1.—The Wong-Nai-Chong Stakes.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifflins of any Season non-winners. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$5. Half a Mile.

Messrs Beith and Ross's Sol, 11 st. 11 lb. (Mr Johnstone) 1
Mr A. R. Lowe's Brown Bass, 11 st. 11 lb. (Mr Sedgwick) 2
Mr Cottagers' Ploughedfield, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr H. Seth) 3
Mr Adams' Hang On, 10 st. 10 lb. (Mr Adams) 0
Mr Billiards' The Jigger, 10 st. 13 lb. (Mr Moller) 0
Mr T. F. Hough's Cadzow's Star, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Boyd) 0
Mr Henry Humphreys' Field Mouse, 11 st. 11 lb. (Mr Knoll) 0
Mr Medico's Moonstone, 10 st. 7 lb. (Mr Barton) 0
Mr Henry Morris' Lonefield, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Ezra) 0
Mr Nemo's Whizz Bang, 11 st. 4 lb. (Mr Heard) 0
Mr Soares' Patrolini, 10 st. 4 lb. (Mr Gace) 0
Mr Yale's Old King Cole, 10 st. 10 lb. (Mr Fisher) 0

The first pony on the field was Cadzow's Star. There was some difficulty in getting the ponies into starting order, Patrolini especially being very truculent. The start, however, was fairly even. The Gigger showed in front with Old King Cole second. Old King Cole immediately overhauled the leader, and Sol took the lead by the rock. The rider of Field Mouse, Knoll, was thrown off almost at the start. Sol led for several lengths round the village bend. Old King Cole here was second, and Patrolini third. Sol still led

in the home straight, Patrolini taking second place on the outside. At the distance post, Sol still showed the way and passed the winning post by three lengths. There was half a length between second and third.

Time.—1 min. 01/5 sec.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$6.70.
Places, \$6.70; \$26.30; \$23.50.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 161 1st \$868.00
" " 119 2nd 248.00
" " 20 3rd 124.00
Commission 280.00
Total \$1,520

Other ponies were drawn by holders of tickets 285, 7, 289, 208, 61, 120, 199, 90, 302.

2.—The Maiden Stakes.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, bona fide Grifflins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Grifflins of this Season 1916-1917 allowed 7 lb. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a Mile.

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Mr Ezra's Iron Duke, 11 st. 7 lb. (Mr Ezra) 2
Mr Henry Humphreys' Brown Mouse, 11 st. 4 lb. (Mr Knoll) 3
Mr Barady's Peter Dandy, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Barton) 0
Messrs Beith and Ross' Ike, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Sedgwick) 0
Messrs Logan and Bato's Bright Pearl, 10 st. 10 lb. (Mr Fisher) 0
Mr Mase's Banjo, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Seth) 0
Sir Paul's Choice Dahlia, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Barkill) 0
Mr Soares' Warriorini, 10 st. 13 lb. (Mr Moller) 0
Mr Soares' Aerialini, 11 st. 4 lb. (Mr Hayes) 0
Mr H. P. White's, Hajj 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Heard) 0
Mr H. P. White's Oak Bay, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Boyd) 0

Oak Bay was the first on the field. Choice Dahlia took the lead, Brown Mouse being right at the rear. At the bottom of the incline, Hajj was in the van, closely followed by Star of Doon. The latter dropped into third place when nearing the rock, part which Hajj was third, whilst Star of Doon was fourth. Round the village bend, Ike led, Hajj being second. The Geld bunched and on entering the home straight, Choice Dahlia, Hajj, Warriorini, and Star of Doon were level. At the distance post Choice Dahlia took the advantage, but was soon overhauled by Star of Doon, and Oak Bay took second place. A fine race, home ended. Star of Doon won by two lengths, and half a length separated second and third. Fisher, riding Bright Pearl, was thrown off near the rock but was not hurt.

Time.—1 min. 33 4/5 sec.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$7.20.
Places, \$6.20; \$12.50; \$10.30.
Cash Sweeps:—
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" " 89 2nd 288.25
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Other numbers drawn were 181, 236, 57, 280, 244, 254, 56, 204, 328.

3.—The Victoria Stakes.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, bona fide Grifflins on date of entry allowed 5 lb. Subscription Grifflins of this Season 1916-1917 allowed 10 lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Mr John Peel's Sandy, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Johnstone) 1
Mr Ezra's Triumph, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Ezra) 2
Sir Paul's Triumphant Dahlia, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Barkill) 3
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Derby Chief, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Heard) 0
Messrs T. F. Hough and J. H. Scott's Golofina, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Boyd) 0

Triumph was first in the field. Triumphant Dahlia took the lead at the start. Triumph was last. Passing the stand, Triumphant Dahlia led from Sandy by two lengths, while the latter was three lengths from Golofina. On the back stretch the same order was maintained. Triumphant Dahlia still leading, and Sol took the lead by the rock. At the Bowington gate and past the football stand Triumphant Dahlia ran with Sandy, a wider distance being between Sandy and Golofina, who was third, with Derby Chief last. Near the

rock, Sandy was half a length in front with Golofina fourth. Triumphant Dahlia led from Sandy and Triumphant and Derby Chief brought up the rear. Later Sandy and Triumphant neck and neck. A fine race ensued, Sandy securing a slight lead from Triumph but as the ponies passed the winning post Sandy and Triumphant were dead level, three lengths separating the pair and the Dahlia.

Time.—2 min. 3 secs.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$6.00 each.
Places, \$6.90; \$5.90.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 412 1st \$808.03
" " 126 2nd 808.02
" " 181 3rd 179.57
Commission 278.38
Total \$2,075.00
Other tickets:—65, 223, 181.

4.—The Valley Stakes.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, bona fide Grifflins of this Season 1916-1917. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a Mile.

Mr John Peel's Drumstick, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Johnstone) 1
Sir Paul's Dandy Dahlia, 10 st. 11 lb. (Mr Barkill) 2
Mr Charles' Hush Hush, 11 st. 4 lb. (Mr Heard) 3
Mr Oliver Cromwell's Ironside, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Seth) 0
Mr Goshead's Moneybox, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Boyd) 0
Messrs Logan and Bato's Peerless Pearl, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Moller) 0
Mr John Peel's Drumstick, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Fisher) 0
Mr Shellim's Black Cloud, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Knoll) 0
Mr Sleg's Goliwog, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Ezra) 0
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Goliwog was first on the field. There was an excellent start. Tom Cobleigh went to the front, Sangala taking up the rear. At the bottom of the incline Drumstick was second and Goliwog first, while Tom Cobleigh was third. Near the rock, Drumstick forged ahead from Goliwog. Tom Cobleigh was third down the incline, with Drumstick well ahead from Goliwog, and Hush Hush fourth. Round the village bend, Drumstick was still leading, and Hush Hush came up and got into third place. Entering the home straight, Hush Hush and Drumstick were leading and were challenged by Dandy Dahlia on the outside course. Drumstick still led, and the Dahlia took second place. Won easily by two lengths, a length and a half dividing second and third. Ironside was many lengths behind last.

Time.—1 min. 33 sec.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$16.
Places, \$6.10; \$6.10; \$7.30.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 246 1st \$1,377.25
" " 217 2nd 393.50
" " 111 3rd 198.75
Commission 372.50
Total \$2,340.00

Other numbers drawn were 169, 287, 172, 345, 342, 327, 66, 52.

5.—The Focchow Cup.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. Handicap for all China Ponies that have run at any previous official of Gymkhana Meeting. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Mr Ezra's Trojan, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Ezra) 1
Mr Dynasty's King Ben, 10 st. 9 lb. (Mr Heard) 2
Mr George Hastings' Spalpeen, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Johnstone) 3
Mr Goshead's Matchbox, 11 st. 12 lb. (Mr Boyd) 0
Mr Horsford's Crosby, 11 st. 8 lb. (Mr Knoll) 0
Sir Paul's Magio Dahlia, 10 st. 11 lb. (Mr Barkill) 0
Mr Soares' Khakilini, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Moller) 0
Mr Staves' Sangala, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Hayes) 0
Mr Wayfoong's Clondland, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Sedgwick) 0

Khakilini and Trojan started off in excellent style, with Crosby and Matchbox following closely. Entering the back stretch, Khakilini was still in the van. Past the Bowington gate, Trojan and King Ben were leading. Khakilini, underweighting, to regain premier position. Later, Dahlia was pitted against Khakilini, but the former once again fell back, giving Trojan a splendid lead. Khakilini was then superseded by King Ben and dropped further back to give place to Magio Dahlia, who took third place after a hard struggle. It was a hard-fought race home, Trojan winning from King Ben by two lengths, Spalpeen being a length behind in third place. Time.—2 min. 07 2/5 sec.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$66.80.
Places, \$11.10; \$11.60; \$6.90.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 705 1st \$2,281.00
" " 352 2nd 648.00
" " 039 3rd 323.00
Commission 530.00
Total \$3,780.00

8.—The Professional Cup.—Presented by Value Fifty Guinea and \$200 to Winner. Second to runner \$200. Third \$100. For Grifflins on date of entry and Ponies that have never won a Race. Subscription Grifflins of this Season 1916-1917 allowed 5 lb. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Sir Paul's Advance Dahlia, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Barkill) 1
Mr T. F. Hough's Cadzow's Wait, 10 st. 9 lb. (Mr Boyd) 2
Mr Henry Humphreys' Town Mouse, 10 st. 9 lb. (Mr Knoll) 3
Mr Ezra's Silverwood, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Ezra) 0
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Daley Chief, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Sedgwick) 0
Messrs Logan and Bato's Glorious Pearl, 10 st. 9 lb. (Mr Seth) 0
Mr John Peel's Jacobite, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Johnstone) 0
Mr Soares' Herolini, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Moller) 0
Mr H. P. White's Mansur, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Heard) 0

Herolini was late in coming on to the course and delayed the start for some time. Advance Dahlia had the rails, with Mansur on the outside berth. Silverwood took the lead, with Mansur second and Herolini last. On passing the stand the order was—Mansur, Herolini and Cadzow's Wait; with Advance Dahlia last. This order was maintained until the rock was reached, when Herolini forced the pace and went into first place, in company with Mansur. Glorious Pearl was a length behind in the third berth. Herolini gained the advantage down the incline, Glorious Pearl being second and Mansur third, Jacobite being many lengths behind. Round the bend, Herolini and the Pearl roared hard together in the van. There was a fine race home, Herolini still leading at the distance post, but Advance Dahlia came up strongly and won almost on the post by a length from Cadzow's Wait, with Town Mouse half a length behind the latter. Time.—2 min. 03 sec.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$65.
Places, \$19; \$12.10; \$25.50.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 369 1st \$2,129.31
" " 16 2nd 668.37
" " 450 3rd 304.20
Commission 503.12
Total \$3,546.00
Other tickets:—265, 131, 17, 497, 305, 48.

Japanese in Fukien. Recently meetings have been held by the natives of Fukien residing in Peking, as they are not satisfied with the prostration of the Government in settling the Japanese Police question. The local authorities are waiting for the Central Government to settle the trouble with the Japanese Legation in Peking, while, on the other hand, the Central Government is awaiting the result of negotiations between the local authorities and the Japanese Consul in Fukien. At the same time more and more Japanese Policemen are being imported, causing great fear and consternation among the natives of the province. As a result of the recent meetings several influential Fukienese have approached the Minister of Foreign Affairs, requesting him to take up the question with the Japanese Government.

the Dahlia, the other two being practically out of the race. There was a hot run home, Dixie gradually overhauling Windsor Dahlia and winning by two lengths, half a length separating second and third. Time.—3 min. 14 2/5 sec.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$17.80.
Places, \$9.10; \$9.10.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 188 1st \$2,289.87
" " 41 2nd 654.25
" " 415 3rd 327.13
Commission 418.75
Total \$3,750.00

Other ticket drawn:—155.

6.—The Trial Plate.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, bona fide Grifflins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Grifflins of this Season 1916-1917 allowed 7 lb. Entrance \$10. Three quarters of a Mile.

Mr John Peel's Silver Streak, 10 st. 9 lb. (Mr Johnstone) 1
Sir Paul's Victory Dahlia, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Barkill) 2
Messrs Beith and Ross' Yid, 10 st. 12 lb. (Mr Sedgwick) 3
Mr Ezra's Victory, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Ezra) 0
Mr Henry Humphreys' Tuttle-mouse, 10 st. 9 lb. (Mr Knoll) 0
Mr Ellis Kadoorie's Formosa Chief, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Moller) 0
Sir Paul's Onward Dahlia, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Seth) 0
Messrs H. P. White and N. J. Stabb's Capilano, 11 st. 1 lb. (Mr Heard) 0

From a very good start, Silver Streak and Victory Dahlia went to the front, the rest in a bunch following close on the heels of the leading pair. Silver Streak continued to make the pace, with Victory Dahlia in close attendance. Later, Victory took a two lengths' lead from Johnstone's mount, Victory Dahlia being third. Once again Silver Streak took the lead, Victory being second and Victory Dahlia third. On entering the home straight, Victory Dahlia forged ahead and looked like winning, but Silver Streak answered its rider and went to the fore, with Victory following hard on. Johnstone easily rode his mount to victory, with Victory Dahlia two lengths behind in second place, Yid, who had come up, being third, half a length away.

Time.—2 min. 19 sec.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, \$5.90.
Places, \$5.70; \$7.20; \$15.70.
Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 489 1st \$2,093.43
" " 233 2nd 598.19
" " 193 3rd 293.17
Commission 444.38
Total \$4,475.00

Other tickets:—177, 615, 604, 129, 229.

7.—The Garrison Cup.—Presented by the Officers of the Garrison. \$200 added for Winner. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, Subscription Grifflins of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at previous Meetings of one Race 7 lb.; of more than one Race 14 lb.; at this Meeting 3 lb. extra. Penalties accumulative. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

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YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

A GRAVE FOOD SUPPLY QUESTION.

London, February 24.
Mr. Lloyd George, in a letter, appeals to the Free Churches to co-operate in the campaign of economy and increased food production, and urges the formation of local groups to cultivate land co-operatively. He concludes "Our responsibilities are grave beyond words, and no time should be lost."

THE SUBMARINE WARFARE.

London, February 23.
In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Carson, besides giving instances of warships ramming submarines, mentioned an engagement of two British patrol boats with two submarines, one of which was apparently sunk, while the fate of the second was doubtful. Another patrol boat reported a hit on the conning tower of a submarine with a fifth shot. She was believed to have been sunk. A seaplane bombed a submarine in the act of diving.

London, February 23.
There is intense indignation in Sweden over the torpedoing of the Swedish sailor Hugo Hamilton. The cargo of four thousand tons of nitrate of soda was urgently needed by Swedish farmers. The crew of thirty-four are missing. The pro-German "Aftonbladet" says apology and compensation are insufficient. Sweden must demand from Germany substitutes equally important to agriculture.

London, February 23.
One of the worst instances of deliberate submarine brutality recorded up to the present has been revealed in the case of a Lowestoft fishing smack which was stopped on the 13th inst., 40 miles from land. The skipper and crew were ordered to board the submarine. A German sailor placed bombs aboard the smack after collecting all the provisions. The crew of the smack were then ordered into a boat and told to "pull away." They were picked up sixty-eight hours later after being exposed to bitter cold and heavy weather, without food or water, the whole time.

Amsterdam, February 23.
A German submarine and crew of fourteen have been stranded on the Island of Walcheren, between Domburg and West Kapelle. The military are guarding it.

Rome, February 24.
The transport Minas en route for Salonika was torpedoed 100 miles west of Cape Matapan on Feb. 15. Part of the troops aboard were saved.

SENTENCED FOR TRADING WITH GERMAN FIRMS.

London, February 23.
Harry Broughton, the principal of the Stonebridge Cloth Manufacturing Company, has been sentenced, at Manchester, to a year's imprisonment, and his son to a fine of £50 sterling, for trading with German firms in the East.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, February 22.
Messrs. Montagu's report on the silver market states there has been a certain amount of general competition while offerings have increased owing to the set back in price inducing profit taking and freer sales; also the Shanghai Exchange showed weakness and a little selling occurred and consequently the price declined.

London, February 24.
Silver is quoted at 37.9-10. There is no demand, and the market is quiet.

CANADA'S FINE CONTRIBUTION.

London, February 20.
Sir Robert Borden, interviewed by Reuter's, said 400,000 men had enlisted in Canada for overseas service of whom 300,000 had already crossed the Atlantic. Further recruiting was being considered.
Over 300,000 men and women were working in munition factories in Canada. Sixty millions sterling had been raised in Canada since the war in addition to the assistance rendered Great Britain to the extent of fifty millions for munitions. Canadians were convinced that there would be no abiding peace except through the victory of the Allies.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN KEPT FROM WAR ZONE.

Ottawa, February 23.
An order-in-Council forbids women and children to embark from Canadian ports for destinations in the war zone.

CANADIANS IN THE WAR CONFERENCE.

London, February 22.
The Canadian Premier, Sir Robert Borden, on his journey to England, was accompanied by Mr. Robert Rogers, the Canadian Minister of Public Works, Mr. J. D. Hazen, the Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries and of the Naval Service, and by the Premier of Newfoundland, Sir Edward P. Morris. All will participate in the War Conference.

NEW GOVERNOR OF BENGAL HONOURED.

London, February 22.
The Earl of Ronaldshay had an audience of the King and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor of Bengal. His Majesty invested him with the insignia of the Grand Cross of the Indian Empire. Subsequently the King and Queen received the Countess of Ronaldshay.

IMMEDIATE DEMAND FOR HOME RULE.

London, February 22.
The Nationalists attach the utmost importance to the debate on the resolution demanding immediate Home Rule and declare that the refusal of the demand will make an election inevitable.

MORE GERMAN LIES EXPOSED.

London, February 23.
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters states that yesterday's German wireless message concerning two hundred British dead is a notable instance of hardy lying. The New Zealanders carried out a raid. They remained upwards of half an hour in German support trenches and did great destruction. They found the German trenches strewn with dead from our bombardment, and captured forty-four prisoners. If the Germans really counted two hundred corpses, seven-eighths were German.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON THE SITUATION.

London, February 23.
The House of Commons was crowded, and there were present numerous distinguished people including Sir R. Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, and the Hon. Mr. W. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Mr. Lloyd George, on rising, was loudly cheered. He said that the ultimate success of the Allied cause depended on the solution of the tonnage difficulties. Over a million tons of our shipping had been allocated to France alone, and a considerable amount to Russia and Italy; also a considerable amount had been sunk. There was not only a shortage for the general needs of the nation, but also for military purposes. The nation must be prepared for drastic sacrifices in order to cope with submarineism, otherwise disaster confronted us. The tonnage problem must therefore be tackled ruthlessly and promptly by naval measures, by building new ships and by dispensing with unnecessary imports and increasing the home food production.

Paper imports would be reduced to 640,000 tons, which is half the present allowance. All essential foodstuffs would be put on the free list, but apples, tomatoes and certain raw fruits would be prohibited; oranges, bananas, grapes, almonds and nuts would be reduced to twenty-five per cent. of the quantity imported during 1915, and canned salmon would be reduced by fifty per cent. Mineral water would be prohibited, and cocoa and coffee would be temporarily stopped, as we had large stocks of these two commodities. The importation of foreign tea would be prohibited, while even the importation of Indian tea would be reduced to a certain extent. This would save 600,000 tons.

The Prime Minister regretted exceedingly the stoppage of certain luxuries from France and Italy. The output of beer would be reduced to ten million barrels, saving 600,000 tons in imports for its manufacture. Spirits would be correspondingly reduced and restrictions would be imposed immediately. Steps would be taken to prevent speculative buying and if necessary the Food Controller would control commodities. If this programme were carried out and those able to help in production did help, there was not the slightest doubt that we could face the worst the enemy could do. (Loud cheers.)

IMPORTATION OF RUM STOPPED.

London, February 23.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Long, on behalf of the Premier, announced that the importation of rum would be stopped and the importation of wines and spirits would be reduced 75 per cent. compared with 1913.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, February 23.
Field Marshal Haig reports: We improved our position to the north of Guedecourt, capturing a portion of a trench and thirty prisoners. We occupied a post to the south of Perit Miramont and raided, south-east of Souchez, killing a number and destroying dugouts. We repulsed raids south of Armentieres in the neighbourhood of Ploegsteert Wood. A small number reached the trenches and were killed or taken prisoners.

London, February 23.
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says a London regiment has wrested from the Canadians the record of carrying out the most successful raid. One hundred and twenty prisoners—all Prussians—were brought back, and, at the least, 300 of the enemy were killed. Five machine-guns were captured.

The assault was made half an hour before sunset on the 20th inst. Two flanking parties met 500 yards to the rear of the German trenches while their comrades in the centre were still bombing and bayoneting the trapped Prussians. Many knew the German language and confused the enemy by shouting misleading orders.

The Londoners remained in the trenches for an hour, thoroughly destroying them. The retaliatory German artillery fire was wild and ineffective.

London, February 24.
A French communique says that there has been artillery firing in Alsace and Lorraine. We repulsed coups de main in the Soisson and Bezonvaux areas.

FLOODS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

London, February 23.
A Mesopotamia official statement says that we secured and consolidated two lines of trenches at the southern end of Sannaiyat. Fighting continues. The Tigris has risen to flood level, hindering operations.

THE IRISH ARRESTS.

London, February 24.
An official statement, issued in Dublin, says that those arrested under the Defence of the Realm Act were prohibited from residing in Ireland.

MORE GERMAN BOMBS IN SPAIN.

Madrid, February 24.
Two bombs exploded in a shipyard at Bilbao. German agents are suspected.

STRIKES IN GERMANY SPREADING.

Amsterdam, February 24.
Strikes in Germany are spreading; hundreds of women and children, headed by a red flag and clamouring for bread, looted shops at Aix-la-Chapelle.

THE SINKING OF THE ATHOS.

Paris, February 23.
An official announcement says that the Messageries Maritimes mail boat "Athos" from China, transporting Szechuanese traitors and Colonial labourers to France, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Two of the escorting destroyers, aided by a gunboat which came up, saved 1,400.

Washington, February 24.
The U.S. Consul at Malta telegraphs that Robert Haden, an American missionary from Soochow, was drowned in the torpedoing of the Athos in the Mediterranean, without warning, on Feb. 17, 210 miles east of Malta.

Haden was drowned on returning to the ship to assist others.
The submarine showed neither flag nor number.

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

S—SELLERS; SA—SALES;
B—BUYERS; N—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.	
Banks	\$710
MARINE INSURANCES.	
Cantons	n. \$375
North Chinas	n. t. 150
Unions	n. \$300
Yangtzes	n. ex 73 \$255

FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fires	n. \$155
H. K. Fires	n. \$367 1/2

SHIPPING.	
Douglases	s. \$109
Steamboats	n. \$19
Indos (Def.)	s. \$125
Indos (Prel.)	n. \$111
Shells	n. 106/-
Ferries	n. \$33

REFINERIES.	
Sugars	b. & sa. \$110 1/2
Malabons	n. \$33

MINING.	
Kailans	n. 36/-
Langkats	b. 119
Raubas	s. \$2.40
Tronohs	n. 30/-
Urals	n. 28/-

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, & C.

H. K. Wharves	n. d. \$83
Kowloon Docks	sa. \$126 1/2
Shai Docks	n. t. 8 1/2

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

Centrals	n. \$93
H. K. Hotels	n. \$107
Land Invest.	b. \$91
H'phreys Est.	b. \$6.50
K'loon Lands	n. \$33
Shai Lands	n. t. 86
West Points	s. \$73

COTTON MILLS.

Ewos	n. t. 145
Kung Yiks	s. t. 151
Shai Cottons	b. t. 115
Yangtzepeos	s. t. 5 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS.

Borneos	b. \$73 1/2
China Light & P. b.	\$4.65
Providents	s. \$3.00
Dairy Farms	b. \$24
Green Islands	b. \$11.10
H. K. Electrics	b. \$43
H. K. Ice Co.	n. \$160
Ropes	b. \$32
Steel Foundries	n. \$10
Trams, Low Level	sa. \$7.20
Trams, Peak, old	sa. \$9.80
Trams, Peak, new	n. \$1
Laundries	n. \$3 1/2
U. Waterboats	b. \$15 1/2
Watsons	b. \$61
Wm. Powells	n. \$5
Morning Posts	n. \$29

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EXCHANGE.

SELLING.	
T/T	2/4
Demand	2/4 1/16
30 d/s	2/4 1/2
60 d/s	2/4 1/2
4 m/s	2/4 5/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	99 3/4
T/T Japan	108 3/4
T/T India	Nom.
Demand, India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco	55 3/4
co & New York	55 3/4
T/T Java	134 1/4
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	323 1/4
Demand, Paris	324

BUYING.	
4 m/s. L/C	2/4 13/16
4 m/s. D/P	2/4 15/16
6 m/s. L/C	2/5 1/16
30 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne	2/5 1/16
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	56 3/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	335 1/4
6 m/s. France	340 1/4
Demand, Germany	Nom.
Demand, New York	55 3/4
T/T Bombay	Nom.
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T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Manila	111
Demand, Singapore	99 3/4
On Haiphong	2 1/4 prem.
On Saigon	2 1/4 prem.
On Bangkok	66
Sovereign	8.50 Nom.
Gold Leaf, per oz.	48.60
Bar Silver, per oz.	37 3/4

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Hongkong 10 "	1 1/2% prem.

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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service via the "Telegraph.")

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

AMERICAN LINER'S SAFE VOYAGE.

New York, February 24.
A correspondent aboard the Philadelphia, which has arrived from Liverpool and is the first American liner to run the gauntlet of German blockade orders and without prescribed markings. She passed through the danger zone, practically without altering her regular course. She met an abundance of British ships but saw no sign of pirates. Of the 900 first class passengers booked, 61 sailed. They were very cheerful, despite the presence of reporters on the boat train, seeking information as to the identity of the passengers, obviously with a view to obituary notices. There were 66 second class and 114 third class passengers, including the crew of the torpedoed Housatonic.

NEW YORK AND ITS POOR.

New York, February 24.
The Municipality has asked the State Legislature to legislate to enable the city to buy foodstuffs to sell to the poor at cost price.

SEVEN DUTCH STEAMERS TORPEDOED.

Presumed All Lives Saved.

London, February 24.
The Dutch steamers Zaanik, Noorderdijk, Eemland, Gaslerland, Jocrata, Meando and Bandoeng were torpedoed on February 22. The crews were landed and it is presumed that all were saved.

Attacked Near English Channel.

London, February 24.
The seven torpedoed Dutch steamers, four of which were bound for Holland with full cargoes, were attacked in the western approaches of the English Channel. It is noteworthy that no instructions regarding the routes were either asked for or given by the British Admiralty, the whole arrangements being in the hands of the Dutch authorities.

Where Boats Had Laid From.

London, February 24.
The torpedoed Dutch steamers total 23,000 tons. The Meando and Bandoeng both belong to the Rotterdam Lloyd and were from Batavia for Rotterdam. The Jocrata of the Rotterdam Lloyd was from New York to Rotterdam while the Gaslerland and Eemland both owned by the Royal Dutch were from Amsterdam to Buenos Aires and New York respectively. The Noorderdijk and Zaanik are both of the Holland America Line and were from New York to Rotterdam and from Rotterdam for Philadelphia respectively.

It is officially announced that when the unrestricted submarine policy was proclaimed the Dutch Government protested and urged Germany to take care that none of the Dutch vessels en route to and from Dutch ports should fall victims. Germany replied that she was ready to comply but it was impossible to guarantee absolute safety. The seven vessels availing themselves of the German offer of opportunity left port together on February 22. They were all torpedoed without their papers being examined. Two hundred of the crews have been landed and it is supposed that the remainder are safe.

Dutch Indignation High.

The Hague, February 24.
The Dutch Press is very indignant at the German outrage, which completely disregards the rights of the Dutch people. It is declared that no big nation could thus be treated. Dutch honour can no longer be maintained, and protests are made "against the deepest humiliation to which a nation has yet been subjected."

GERMANY'S REPLY TO CHINA.

Shanghai, February 24.
The German reply to China's protest against the submarine says that Germany has been driven to extreme measures. She promises to respect the lives of Chinese.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.

London, February 24.
The Army Estimates issued to-day provide for five million men exclusive of those serving in India.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN IN AUDIENCE.

London, February 24.
H. M. the King received in audience Sir R. L. Borden, the Premier of Canada.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Some German Claims.

London, February 24.
A German wireless official message states that they repulsed several British reconnoitering attacks at Artois front. The British partly occupied an abandoned position in the Somme region. The French attacks to the south of Ripont failed.

German Workshops and Bivouacs Bombed.

Paris, February 24.
A communique states that after a violent bombardment the Germans attempted an unsuccessful coup-de-main on the trenches near Wisembach.

A French airship bombarded the busy workshops at Briley, returning safely. Aeroplanes dropped 400 kilogrammes of bombs on German bivouacs at Spincourt.

Considerable British Progress.

London, February 24.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—As the result of unceasing pressure, the enemy vacated important positions on the Ancre. We progressed considerably over a mile front to the south and south-east of Miraumont and entered Petit Miraumont. We also advanced on a front of a mile and a half south and south-east of Berre. The enemy rushed a post west of Lens, but in a counter-attack we immediately recovered it.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

London, February 23.
An Italian official communique reports:—The enemy seized an outpost at Coldilana. We counter-attacked and drove him out. We took some prisoners. Our airships dropped a ton of high explosives, with visible success, on the aviation ground at Prosecco.

NOTICES.

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All Tickets must be produced to gain admittance. Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Female attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, 23rd February 1917.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1917.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SATURDAY (OF -DAY).

FEBRUARY 26TH, 27TH, 28TH AND 3RD MARCH.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LTD. or at the Gate. Price \$10 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$4 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$3.

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T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1917.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned on SATURDAY, the 24th instant.

No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them, and the holder thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1917.

NOTICE.

APPROPOS of the above, Members are hereby notified that although Membership of the JOCKEY CLUB entitles them to free admission to the Enclosure and Stands during the Race Meeting an opportunity is given to them to make a special contribution to the War Charities by also purchasing an admission Ticket at the Gate. A Book will be in care of the Gate Keeper in which Members are asked to record any such purchases.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1917.

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